

*Mayor Brad Lewis*

BRAZIL CITY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2009

- President Ruthann Jeffries called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.
  - President Jeffries dispensed the regular agenda items of reading of minutes, the treasurer and superintendent reports.
  - Chris Reynolds introduced John Stinson. Both men are from the Forrest Sherer Insurance Agency. Mr. Stinson is the Loss Control officer.
  - Mr. Reynolds informed the audience that since skate parks are considered facilities of an extreme sport, a law gives municipalities immunity from liability suits. However, certain rules must be followed.
    1. The facility must be architecturally designed with written confirmation.
    2. Certificates of liability must be from all engineers and contractors that provide services and construction for the facility.
    3. Prominent signage lists rules for the unsupervised facility.
    4. All trash cans, benches, tables, and other objects have to be secured anywhere around the skate park.
    5. Police patrol the skate park on a regular basis.
    6. The insurance recommends the Parks Department inspect the facility daily.
  - Roberta Weliever, head of the Skate Park Committee, distributed plans to the audience and explained the equipment shown. She was insistent that the skate park be very visible. Skate Park experts, towns and cities with skate parks agree that visibility is key to a more controlled and positive experience. Skate Concepts, Winnipeg MB, Canada manufactured the purchased pre-cast equipment. The equipment is in excellent condition. A 100' x 120' concrete slab would be needed on the new site.
  - Much discussion of the pros and cons took place between all in attendance. Some items discussed were:
    - Assurance of proper liability coverage
    - Assurance of professional installation and construction
    - Behavioral problems in and around skate park
    - Maintenance costs—amount to be budgeted by Park Board
    - Where and on what site to build the skate park
  - The Board previously offered a skate park site at Craig Park. The site would be determined by both the Board and the Skate Park Committee.
  - Mrs. Jeffries will contact the Northview High School Athletic Department and Cross County coaches for their input since it might involve the newly built Cross Country Track.
  - This meeting was informational. Telephone numbers to call for additional information were distributed.
  - Mrs. Jeffries thanked Mr. Reynolds and Mrs. Stinson as well as the city officials and patrons.
  - The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.
- Caroline McCullough, Secretary